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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MOPS, PFOR, LA, VN, TH

SUBJ: THAI POWS HELD IN NORTH VIETNAM

REF: STATE 200133

1. WE BELIEVE THE BEST COURSE IS TO TAKE NO ACTION FOR TIME BEING
AS PROPOSED IN PARA 5 OF REFTEL.

2. WE UNDERSTAND THE NORTH VIETNAMESE POSITION HAS BEEN THAT
THESE TWO THAIS WERE CAPTURED IN LAOS AND WOULD BE RELEASED WITH
OTHER POWS WHO WERE CAPTURED IN LAOS. IT MAY BE COUNTER-PRODECTIVE
IF AN APPROACH WAS MADE PREMATURELY TO PRESSURE THE NORTH
VIETNAMESE ON THE ISSUE. IN THEIR OWN PECULIAR WAY, THEY PROBABLY
REATIONALIZE THAT THESE ARE LAOTIAN POWS (EVEN IF THE WORLD
KNOWS THEY ARE HELD IN NORTH VIETNAM) AND THUS THEY MOST LIKELY
WILL NOT RESPOND AND MAY EVEN HARDEN THEIR ATTITUDE IN REGARDS
TO THE RELEASE OF HARNAVEE AND NAPADOM.

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3. IF HARNAVEE AND NAPADOM ARE NOT RELEASED LATER THIS MONTH DURING THE UPCOMING EXCHANGE, AMEMBASSY BANGKO BELIEVES THE RTG SHOULD THEN PRESS THE LPF. RTG HAS BEEN KEPT INFORMED OF THE NUMEROUS INQUIRIES WE HAVE MADE TO THE COMMUNISTS IN BEHALF OF HARNAVEE AND NAPADOM.

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